

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

Case. No. 05-80554

HON. LAWRENCE P. ZATKOFF

VICTOR CASTANO,

Defendant.

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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

Defendant has applied to proceed *In Forma Pauperis* during his appeal of a conviction following a guilty plea on a charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, and a conviction following a jury trial on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm and a charge of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Though Defendant has not submitted a formal motion, the Court will treat Defendant's letters and financial affidavits as such for the purpose of granting or denying his request to proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. The Court has reviewed Defendant's affidavits and other papers and has determined that they satisfy the criteria of 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The Court HEREBY GRANTS Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Lawrence P. Zatkoff  
LAWRENCE P. ZATKOFF  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: November 21, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this Order was served upon the attorneys of record by electronic or U.S. mail on November 21, 2006.

s/Marie E. Verlinde  
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